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# LIRR TELLS WORKERS: GET READY TO STRIKE

**Long Island.** A group that represents Long Island Rail Road worker unions said they will strike starting on Sunday, after last-minute negotiations fell apart between the MTA and the organization during a Monday meeting. PAGE 02

## Sex-themed carnival takes over MoSex

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The breast bounce house is only one part of the "Funland" exhibit at the Museum of Sex. / MUSEUM OF SEX

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Disease

## West Nile found in NYC area

The city will spray pockets of Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx after officials said the city found mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus. The virus was found in mosquitos recovered in Douglaston and College Point in Queens, as well as Old Town in Staten Island. The Health Department reported no cases of infected humans. A helicopter armed with larvicide is scheduled to fly over non-residential parts of Staten Island, the Bronx and Queens on Thursday, Friday and Monday, July 21.

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# Strike looms as talks between MTA, LIRR fail

**Manhattan.** The stage is set for a Sunday strike.

Unless union leaders and the MTA come to a last-minute agreement, New Yorkers can expect service along the Long Island Rail Road to begin winding down come Saturday.

After a brief Monday meeting between the groups, Anthony Simon, spokesman for the coalition of LIRR workers, said talks had "collapsed."

"MTA has clearly decided that proving a strike is the course of action it intends to pursue," Simon said, adding no new negotiations are scheduled.

He also said that members from the eight unions serving on the LIRR plan to strike starting at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

A passenger talks with a LIRR conductor line at Atlantic Station. / AARON ADLER, METRO

"Make no mistake about it," Simons said. "The timing of this strike, with its devastating impact on Long Island's summer season, is MTA's decision."

"The spirit of negotiations is give and take. We've done giving — they've done taking," MTA Chairman Thomas Prendergast said. "Until they're ready to move, there's no reason to have negotiations."

With the unions prepared to strike, the MTA is standing by their contingency plan, whereby a fraction of the 300,000 daily riders who use the LIRR system can commute via buses and a ferry.

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# Erotic exploration at the Museum of Sex's Funland

Sex is interactive. So it makes sense that Manhattan's Museum of Sex, which opened in 2002, finally added an interactive element this June: "Funland: Pleasures and Perils of an Exotic Fairground," by London's Bompas & Parr.

"Visitors are encouraged to become participants in the exhibition rather than merely voyeurs," said Mark Snyder, director of exhibitions at MoSex. "Some patrons enter hesitantly, while others dive in head-first."

The unit takes up an entire floor of the museum, at 27th Street and Fifth Avenue, and explores the relationship between carnivals and carnality.

"Since its pre-industrial days, the fairground was seen as a venue for the pursuit of pleasure," said Snyder. "Traditional decorum was turned upside-down, and men and women were given permission to explore vices freely."

Coming up the staircase from MoSex's erotic gift shop, visitors are greeted by an attendant selling breast-shaped Jell-O shots. They then enter a funhouse of mirrors, the Tunnel of Love, with the aim of locating the G-spot (and the exit). Emerging from the maze, the next attraction is Jump for Joy — a bounce house full of breasts, which guests can try out in pairs (trusting their shoes and bags to the guide).

A Museum of Sex worker leads visitors into Funland. Below, a woman climbs up Grope Mountain. / MILES DIXON, METRO, MUSEUM OF SEX

**Losing inhibitions**

**"Funland: Pleasures and Perils of an Exotic Fairground" at the Museum of Sex features playful attractions, like the Foreplay Derby and Grope Mountain, meant to stimulate the imagination.**

- It is the first interactive exhibit at the Museum of Sex and takes up an entire floor.
- The exhibit will run through at least April 2015.

Other activities include the Foreplay Derby — a twist on a classic carnival game where players must get balls into a hole to advance racing dildos — and a phallic rock-climbing wall, Grope Mountain. Erotic Picture Palace serves as an educational element that explains how carnivals are traditionally used, in history and entertainment, as a backdrop to explore sex theory and gender roles.

"By combining physicality with other forms of learning, most patrons discover their inhibitions fading away," Snyder explained of how the five installations work together, as well as how this exhibit fits in with the rest of the museum.

Sam Bompas and Harry Parr not only designed the "Funland" attractions, but also worked with composer Dom James on the sensual soundscape. They coordinated with chef Humberto Gualipa and mixologist Jim Kearn to add special touches to the menu at Play, a new lounge in the lobby at MoSex. T. MICHELLE MURPHY

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A cocktail from Play
MUSEUM OF SEX

## Do you want to 'Play?'

Touring a museum all about sex with your friends may seem like something you'd rather do not entirely sober. Play, a new cocktail lounge located in the lobby of MoSex, offers a menu of cocktails designed to accommodate the new "Funland" exhibit. Concoctions by Jeff Kearns, in collaboration with Bompas & Parr, include the Clare Quality, Rosebud, Milk Punch and Clear Day in Normandy. A full bar and menu are available, starting at 5 p.m. If you're there earlier, or looking for lighter fare, there's also an adjacent café.
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Visit **Metro.us** to read about Play drinks inspired by 'Funland.'

# Midtown. De Blasio to be on 'Colbert Report'

Self-described "progressive" Mayor Bill de Blasio will face faux conservative Stephen Colbert this week.

De Blasio will make his first appearance on "The Colbert Report" on Wednesday, Comedy Central announced.

Monday afternoon, Colbert tweeted at de Blasio, demanding the mayor to "stop dodging" him. De Blasio replied and asked if Wednesday was a good day.

Following the Democratic mayoral primary last September, Colbert declared de Blasio was "a man so liberal, he won the gay vote against a lesbian," referring to former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

In February, the mayor went on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

"The Colbert Report" airs at 11:30 p.m. on Comedy Central.

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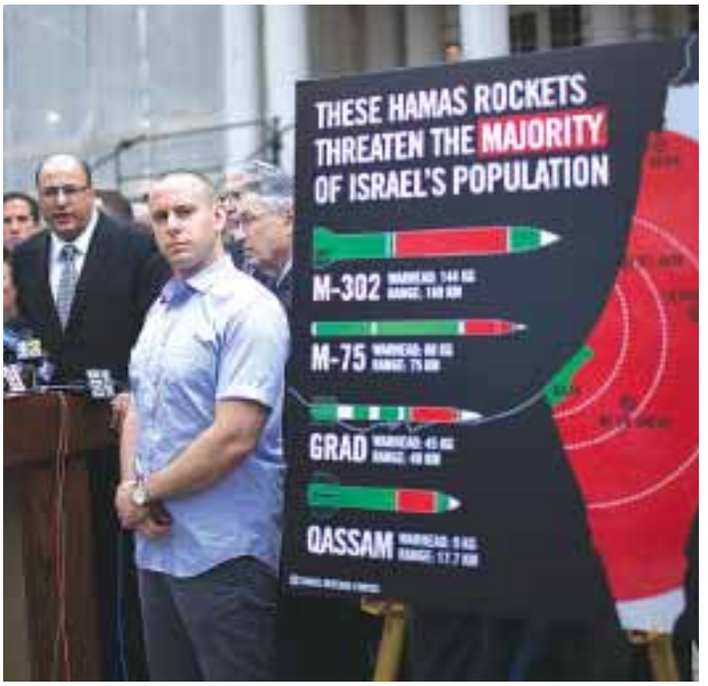
Stephen Colbert / GETTY IMAGES

**Social**

**The pair traded tweets on Monday, though a de Blasio spokesman said the appearance was set before the Twitter exchange.**

- **Colbert tweeted,** "@BillDeBlasio I demand you come on my show! Stop dodging me, Mr Mayor!"
- Shortly after, **de Blasio replied,** "Sure, @StephenAtHome. How about Wednesday?"




## City politicians stand with Israel

**Several New York City council members, along with Rep. Charlie Rangel and other members of Congress, threw a "New York stands with Israel" rally to support Israel on the steps of City Hall on Monday. The city politicians said that Israel has the right to defend itself against attacks. Pro-Palestinian protesters at times drowned out the event chanting, "Free Palestine!"**

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**Manhattan**

## Two tourists crossing street hit by bus

Two Spanish tourists were seriously injured after being hit by a bus while crossing a street in Hell's Kitchen on Monday, officials said.

A 62-year-old woman and her niece, 50, were crossing West 47th Street when they were hit by a Trans-Bridge Lines bus making a left turn from Tenth Avenue just before 8 a.m., police said.

Both women suffered leg injuries and were taken to local hospitals, but they are expected to be OK. They were scheduled to leave the city Tuesday, police said.

The bus, which was empty, was being driven to a parking facility at the time, according to a spokesman for Trans-Bridge Lines.

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# Six hurt when camera catches fire at 30 Rock

**Midtown.** Those injured received minor burns when the camera caught fire on the observation deck.

Six people suffered minor burns when a camera caught fire on the observation deck of 30 Rockefeller Plaza, fire officials said.

Falling embers from the camera on the 70-floor building landed on the building's visitors.

Five adults refused treatment while a child was taken to a local hospital and remains in stable condition, according to the New York City Fire Department. He was released shortly after.

The cause of the fire, which happened at 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, was still under investigation.

The observation deck — known as the "Top of the Rock" — is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the city. The building is home to NBC's news operation and was also celebrated in the sitcom "30 Rock."

It is also used to shoot the TV shows "Saturday Night Live" and the "Today Show." REUTERS

**Big fall**

**70**

The number of floors that embers from the fire fell to the ground.

## Rallying for immigration reform

People from the New York Immigration Coalition demonstrate with the Statue of Liberty in the background on Monday. As part of the campaign, the group is calling for President Barack Obama to take executive action on immigration reform. / GETTY IMAGES


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## Task force seizes $1.7 million in contraband

New York state officials said the task force charged with cracking down on illegal sales of cigarettes and tobacco has seized $1.7 million in cash and contraband.

More than 12,200 cartons of untaxed cigarettes were also confiscated. Also confiscated were more than 254,800 cigars, 2,000 pounds of tobacco and 24,770 counterfeit stamps that indicate the pack was taxed.

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Confiscated smokes
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# East Harlem. Man, 21, dies at Rangel Houses

A 21-year-old died after a shooting at the Rangel Houses in East Harlem early Monday, police said.

Officers found the man, who was not yet otherwise identified, with multiple gunshot wounds to his neck and torso around 6 a.m. in the rear of 159-14 Harlem River Drive, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

No arrests have been made and as of Monday afternoon there were no suspects. It's still unclear what led up to the shooting.

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

Last week, Mayor Bill de Blasio detailed new initiatives to curb violence in the city's housing projects, including more patrol cops, lighting and community engagement.

Those crime-reduction efforts are focused on 15 developments that account for nearly 20 percent of all violent crime in public housing.

The Rangel Houses, located in Police Service Area 6, isn't one of them.

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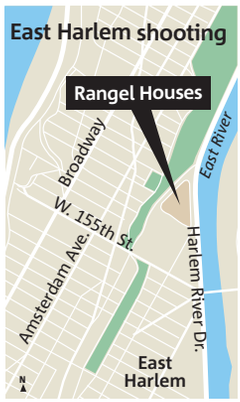


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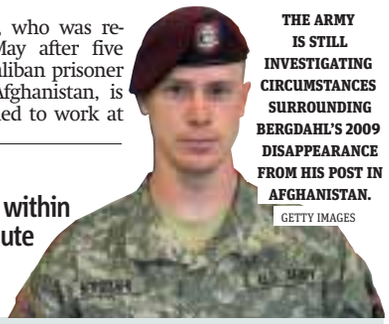
# Former POW back to Army active duty

**Bergdahl.** Officials called it "the final phase reintegration process."

U.S. Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl is transitioning to regular active duty status, having completed therapy and counseling following his return from captivity in Afghanistan, the Defense Department said on Monday.

Bergdahl, who was released in May after five years as a Taliban prisoner of war in Afghanistan, is being assigned to work at the Army North headquarters at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, the department said in a statement. REUTERS



THE ARMY IS STILL INVESTIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING BERGDAHL'S 2009 DISAPPEARANCE FROM HIS POST IN AFGHANISTAN. GETTY IMAGES

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**"He will now return to regular duty within the command where he can contribute to the mission."** Defense Department statement

**Mortgage probe**

## Citigroup to pay $7 billion

Citigroup Inc. has agreed to pay $7 billion to resolve claims it misled investors about shoddy mortgage-backed securities in the run-up to the financial crisis, in a deal that includes the largest civil fraud penalty ever levied by the U.S. Justice Department.

The settlement, announced on Monday, is more than twice what many analysts expected but less than the $12 billion the government sought in negotiations with Citi C.N., the third largest U.S. bank. REUTERS

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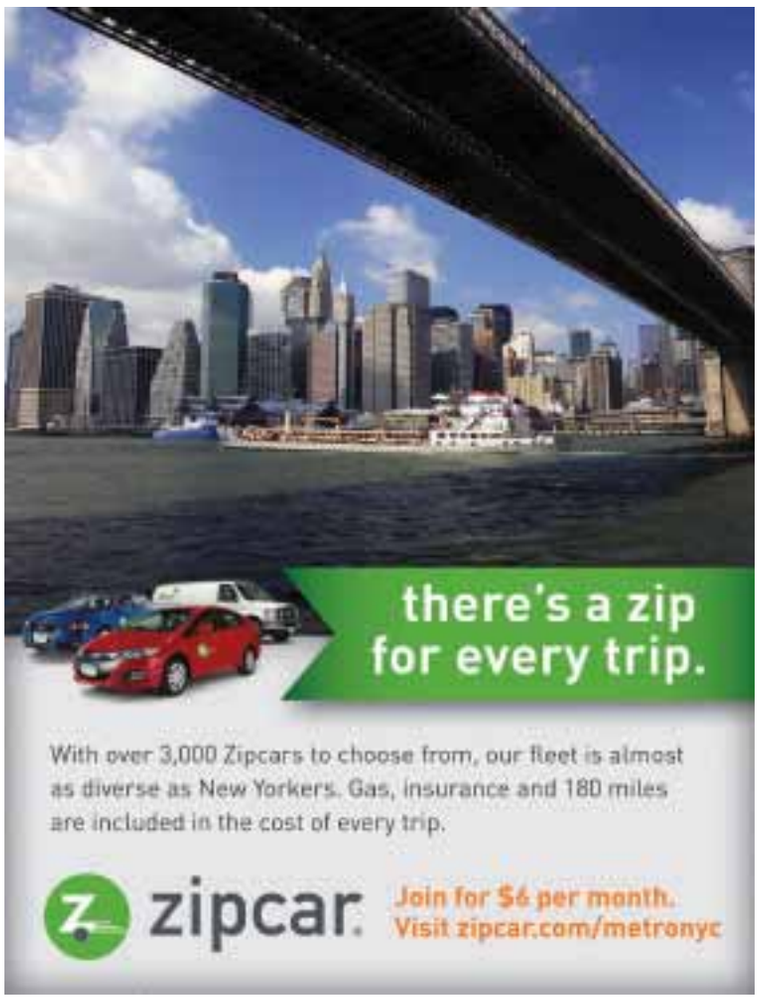
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# World Cup biggest social media event ever says Facebook

**Final.** Germany's 1-0 win over Argentina was the most commented World Cup match.

Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger and Lukas Podolski take a selfie after their victory in the World Cup final. / GETTY IMAGES

Brazil's World Cup was the biggest social media event on record involving 350 million Facebook Inc. users worldwide, the company claimed on Monday, as it made strides into the so-called "real-time" market dominated by Twitter.

People increasingly are using social networking to comment on global events seen on television, like the monthlong soccer tournament won by Germany on Sunday.

Figures obtained by Reuters showed that the 350 million users generated a record Facebook "conversation" with 3 billion posts, comments and likes.

**Germany vs. Argentina**

**280M**

**The final match had 88 million users and 280 million interactions.**

"We knew the World Cup was going to be big, but this level of engagement is remarkable," Nick Grudin, Facebook's director of global media partnerships, told Reuters.

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# Costa Concordia refloated, to be towed away for scrap

Tug boats pull the wreck of the Costa Concordia during an operation to refloat the boat on July 14, 2014 off the Giglio Island. / GETTY IMAGES

**Massive task.** The salvage operation is one of the largest in maritime history.

The wreck of the luxury liner Costa Concordia was refloated on Monday and will soon be towed away. It will be broken up for scrap, more than two years after it capsized off the Italian coast, killing 32 people.

The 951-foot Costa Concordia ran aground on rocks near the Tuscan holiday island of Giglio in January 2012. The rusting hulk of the once gleaming-white ship had been resting on a temporary platform since being righted a year ago.

Air was pumped into 30 large metal boxes, or sponsons, attached around the hull of the 114,500-ton ship. The air forced out the water in the sponsons, lifting the vessel more than 7 feet off the underwater platform. Tug boats then attached cables to the ship and shifted it about 98 feet away from shore.

Work will start again on Tuesday to prepare it for towing within days to Genoa in northern Italy to be scrapped.

"We have to connect some more chains and some wires and do a calculation on exactly how heavy she is now, and then on Wednesday, Thursday bring her up properly," salvage master Nick Sloane said. REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"Little bit heavier than we estimated, but she is up."**

**Nick Sloane** told Reuters, saying that Monday's activities had been "perfect."

## Breakaway bull. Three men gored in closing run in Pamplona

A bull gored three men after breaking away from the pack chasing crowds through the streets of Pamplona in the closing run of Spain's San Fermin festival on Monday.

The animal charged several runners in the town, lifting at least two of them off the ground on its horns and ripping through their legs.

Two Australian men were wounded — one of them, a 26-year-old, seriously — alongside a Spaniard, 21, from the surrounding Navarra region, said authorities.

Several men have already been gored this year, but Monday's run was particularly brutal. REUTERS

A runner is gored by a Miura bull during the last bull run of the San Fermin Festival in Pamplona, Spain. / GETTY IMAGES

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## George W. Bush has partial knee replacement

Former U.S. President George W. Bush has undergone surgery for a partial replacement of his left knee, six weeks after having a similar procedure on his right knee, his spokesman said on Monday.

Bush turned 68 years old a week ago. REUTERS

# OMG! RocketSkates, world's first smart electric skates

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If "Back to the Future" told us anything about futuristic transport, we should have hoverboards and flying motorcars next year. But while we wait for these sci-fi vehicles to arrive, Los Angeles company Acton has raised funds on Kickstarter to "roll out" a nifty alternative — motor-powered roller skates. The RocketSkates — each powered by two wheels and a microprocessor — are designed to be strapped on over your normal shoes. Users can whiz along at a maximum speed of 12 mph, with tilting one's foot to control acceleration. Once in production, the electric skates will cost up to $599 a pair. Metro spoke to designer Jennifer Choy about the hi-tech skates.

**How did the idea for RocketSkates come about?**
It has always been part of the collective consciousness, that one day we would have jet packs, flying cars … and rocket skates — and we're now in a time when technology has made RocketSkates possible.

**Won't motorized skates just make people more lazy?**
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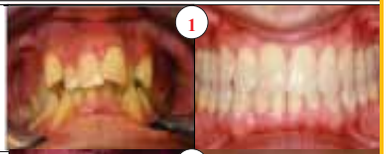


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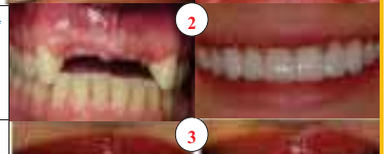


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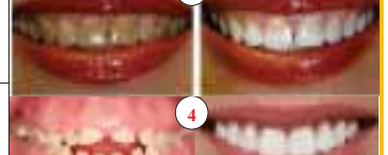


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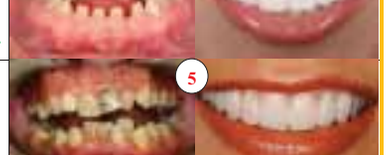


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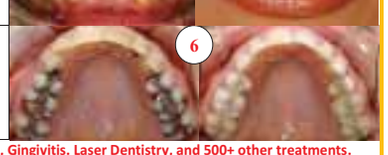


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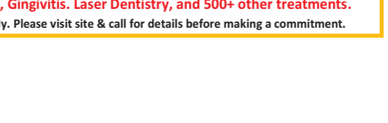


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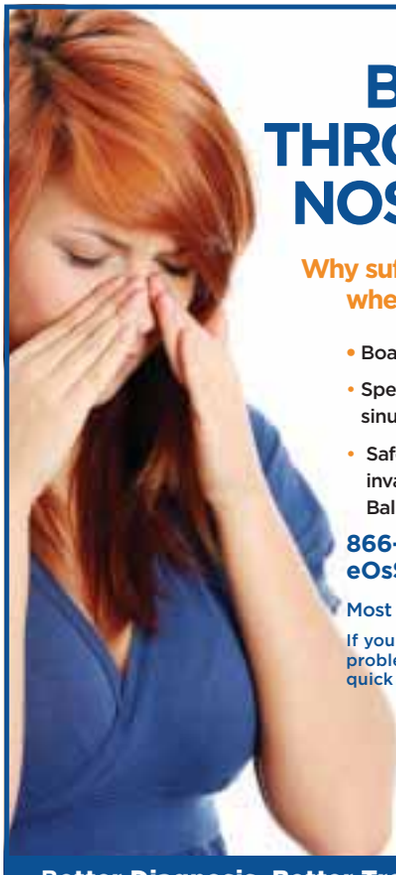

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***Here are three of the hottest sectors I'm watching:***

## 3 Mobile Internet stocks

The growth in mobile Internet usage has exploded the past few years and the stock prices of companies benefitting from this trend have similarly exploded. Startups with no revenues or profits but booming user growth like Instagram and SnapChat have become worth billions in record time.

When looking for "the next big thing," be on the lookout for mobile applications and websites that are simple and fun, with wide mainstream appeal. Don't worry about pesky revenues or profits; it's basically a popularity contest.

## 2 Marijuana stocks

With more and more states legalizing marijuana, this sector was the single hottest sector in the entire world for the first few months of 2014. Things have cooled down a bit recently, as those initial gains could not be sustained, but I fully expect this sector to rise again in the future given the trends and popularity of this "medicine."

Signs of a comeback will include tremendous press and further legalization news, ideally grouped with uptrending stock prices in all of the most popular marijuana stocks.

## 1 Apple-related stocks

The hottest, most popular technology company on the planet has created a cottage industry of those who speculate on new products, from the upcoming iPhone to the rumored iWatch and products that could fundamentally change the health and medicine fields, transportation and home entertainment.

For buying Apple-related stocks, wait for specific product announcements and then act quickly once their new suppliers are confirmed. The stocks of those companies will benefit greatly in the coming weeks and months on hype alone.

***Up:*** *The U.S. stock market is at all-time highs, and there doesn't seem to be anything on the horizon to stop the bullish rally.*

***Down:*** *Brazil getting blown out in the World Cup saddened an entire nation and few could ever rejoice in the sadness of so many hundreds of millions of people.*

## What we're into this week

*The U.S. stock market has pulled back some off its highs, which is very healthy. We can't go straight up forever without any pullbacks!*

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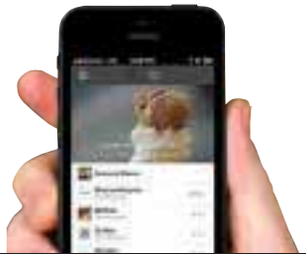

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# The Internet hates Paltrow as Hepburn

Shocker: Gwyneth Paltrow did something that has people up in arms. The Goop guru got gussied up as Audrey Hepburn for a Max Factor makeup campaign to pay tribute to the "Breakfast at Tiffany's" star. And let's just say folks were not pleased. She also dressed up as Brigitte Bardot, Farrah Fawcett and her good buddy, Madonna, but no one seemed to mind that. Audrey Hepburn, though? Yikes. Here are some of the juicier reactions on Twitter:

**@DestineeDouty:** "She's not even half the woman Audrey Hepburn was."

**@Jaspiehorn:** "She's not pretty enough to be Audrey!"

**@mariamzadeh:** "Worst casting ever! Gwyneth could never play Audrey."

**@lainieamber:** "the funniest thing I have heard all day."

Gwyneth Paltrow does her best Audrey Hepburn. But her best ain't good enough for a lot of Internet trolls. / MAX FACTOR

Talking point

## At least Gibson supports LaBeouf

Despite recent troubles, Shia LaBeouf has one supporter — though it may be a mixed blessing. "When I see someone like Shia LaBeouf with the bag on his head and stuff, my heart goes out to the poor guy," Mel Gibson tells Indiewire, referencing LaBeouf's "I'm not famous anymore" stunt from earlier this year. "I think he's suffering in some way." He's actually suffering in several ways, having been arrested in New York last month and reportedly seeking rehab treatment. "People are inclined to point the finger," Gibson elaborates. "It's easy to judge. But I'm sure he's going through some kind of personal thing. ... He'll probably play it out and come back. ... He'll be all right. I actually like the kid. I think he's good." So cheer up, Shia. You've got Gibson in your corner.

# THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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# Is Heigl hard to work with? Let her answer

While presenting her new series, "State of Affairs," to TV critics this week in Los Angeles, Katherine Heigl was asked point blank about those pesky reports that she's "difficult to work with." Katie, don't do it! It's a trap! There is no good way to answer this! Oh drat, here we go: "I can only say that I don't see myself as being difficult and I don't intend to be difficult," she responded. "I think it's always important to everybody to conduct themselves professionally and respectfully and kindly. So if I have ever disappointed somebody, it was never intentional."

Here's the problem, Katherine. All anyone takes away from that answer is, "I don't see myself as being difficult," which just makes you sound more difficult, but also a bit affronted. This kind of public image nightmare you've had going on for a while now is like quicksand. The more you struggle, the worse it gets. No matter what you say about your reputation of being difficult, it will only reinforce people's idea that you're difficult. I don't necessarily know what the answer is. Maybe you should be more of a klutz in public or get a new puppy or something. Or just, you know, stop talking.

# Another prince or princess in the making?

Is there "a spare heir" in there? / GETTY IMAGES

Prince William and Kate Middleton are getting a spare heir, as Middleton is reportedly pregnant with their second child. That is, if In Touch Weekly is to be believed. Oh, and the tabloid also says she's battling anorexia and "can't stop losing weight." The Duchess of Cambridge has apparently been canceling appearances and making emergency doctor visits. (They looked fine last week watching the Wimbledon finals.) Royal insiders insist that with first son George turning 1 this month, the couple are trying for another baby this summer.

# 2 CULTURE

**Twitter feed**

**We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

**Today, Niall Horan is pleased with the World Cup result, Rihanna was even happier to just be near the World Cup itself, Karen Gillan is a fan of Meryl Streep and CeeLo Green is thinking about lunch.**

**@NiallOfficial: Congratulations to Germany! Totally deserved to win it! The most exciting team to watch!**

**@rihanna: I touched the cup, held the cup, kissed the cup, took a selfie wit the cup!!! I meeeaan..... what is YO bucket list looking like bruh?**

**@KarenGillan2: Watching Sophie's Choice. I bow down to this acting.**

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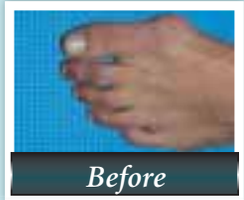
Before

After

"After 7 years, I can finally wear heels again" - *C. Stephen*

# What to eat while you read

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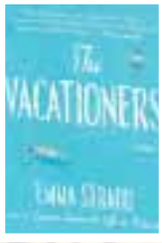
Books can inspire you to take a chance, learn something new and, sometimes, whip up something delicious to eat. Here, we pair three stellar books with what you'll crave while you read them. Unless you're reading on your tablet, it's OK to get pizza grease or chocolate on them, so feel free to give in to your inspiration. **EMILY LAURENCE**

**Pizza**

## 'Delancey'

**by Molly Wizenberg**
In "Delancey," author Molly Wizenberg's husband drops out of grad school to open a pizza place, even though he has almost zero experience in the restaurant biz. As you can imagine, there's a lot of pizza talk. Wizenberg's husband must taste a lot of pizza to learn how to make the perfect one. And Wizenberg — who is the food blogger behind Orangette — waxes about pizza in such vivid detail, you can almost taste the mozzarella.

**Nutella crepes**




## 'The Vacationers'

**by Emma Straub**
Chances are, you aren't escaping to Mallorca this summer like the Posts, the family in Emma Straub's buzzy beach read "The Vacationers." Franny, the Post family matriarch, makes big meals for the household, but there's one thing she hides in the kitchen and hoards for herself: a jar of Nutella. She settles for spoonfuls, but you'll likely crave a warm crepe oozing with the chocolatey hazelnut spread.

**Cheap wine and takeout**

## 'Friendship'

**by Emily Gould**
Former Gawker.com editor Emily Gould wrote this novel about two best friends who just turned 30. Life isn't exactly going as planned for either one. Whether you're currently experiencing your own late-20s crisis or, luckily, already have surpassed it, there's one thing that can get you through a book about two friends who are growing apart (with one who is seriously behind on her student loan payments): cheap wine and takeout.

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# Laughing through lots of tears

**Interview.** Toni Collette was initially afraid to play a suicidal character in the comedy "A Long Way Down."

Toni Collette understands any apprehension about her new film, "A Long Way Down." "I know that it doesn't sound right, that [it's] a film about suicide and it's a comedy," the actress says. "But I don't think it's about suicide. I think it's a celebration of life. It's about friendship and connection and hope."

In the film, Collette plays Maureen, a middle-aged woman with a son who suffers from an extreme form of cerebral palsy. For specific reasons withheld till later, she's decided to jump off a roof on New Year's Eve — only to find three others (played by Pierce Brosnan, Aaron Paul and Imogen Poots) about to do the same thing.

It's tough subject matter but deftly handled by Nick Hornby, who wrote the 2006 novel upon which the film is based. "I always gravitate toward a tone [Hornby] excels at, which is a depth and poignancy combined with something that's very funny," explains Collette, who also starred in the film adaptation of his novel "About a Boy." "He's great at going back and forth between those."

Still, she had her reservations. "I knew I wanted to do it, but right before shooting, I didn't know if I could. Maureen was so different from me. But I ended up falling in love with her," Collette recalls. "She doesn't have a life. She has her son, and she gives and gives and gives and gives to him. There is no one actually reflecting her life back at her; she never sees herself. She's quite altruistic, really. So when these people come into her life, it's like she's been asleep and suddenly, she wakes up."

TONI COLLETTE STARS IN "A LONG WAY DOWN," NOW IN THEATERS AND ON VOD. GETTY IMAGES

**Just work**

## On the tube

Collette won an Emmy and a Golden Globe for HBO's "The United States of Tara," though she's not convinced TV today is always the greatest place for an actor. "It depends on the material," she says. "If the material is good, that's great. If the material is bad, it's as bad as any other bad job. I've had one really satisfying, completely heightened, wonderful TV experience, and I've had one that's not so great. It's like any job."

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**TV watch list**

**COMEDY**

## 'Drunk History'

Have you been missing Kenneth the page from "30 Rock"? Lucky for you, his portrayer, Jack McBrayer, will be appearing on "Drunk History" tonight as DJ Alan Freed. **10 P.M., COMEDY**

**COMEDY**

## 'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon'

Cameron Diaz stops by. Last time she was there, she played a little game of roller golf with Jimmy. Time for a rematch? **10 P.M., NBC**

**REALITY**

## 'Celebrity Wife Swap'

It's Six, of "Blossom" fame! That's right, the one and only Jenna Von Oy is ready to swap. Her counterpart? Jill Zarin, a "Real Housewife of New York City." Six lives in Nashville, so good luck with that, Jill Zarin. **10 P.M., ABC**

WE MISS YOU, KENNETH THE PAGE, SEEN HERE ON "DRUNK HISTORY." / COMEDY CENTRAL

**SPORTS**

## 'World Series of Poker'

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# New stars: Paul Eenhoorn and Earl Lynn Nelson

**The breakthrough.** Meet an obscure actor and a real-life surgeon who hit the big time in the road trip comedy "Land Ho!"

Earl Lynn Nelson and Paul Eenhoon play close buds in "Land Ho!" / GETTY IMAGES

When Paul Eenhoorn first met his "Land Ho!" co-star Earl Lynn Nelson, Nelson walked up to him and put his finger on his eyelids.

"He says, 'You need your eye lids done,'" Eenhoorn recounts. "I didn't even know who he was."

Then Nelson made Eenhoorn, and filmmakers Aaron Katz and Martha Stephens, drink moonshine. "He took the moonshine out of the freezer, hands me the bottle," explains Eenhoorn. "I say, 'No, I don't drink out of the bottle.' He says, 'Don't put it in the glass, you waste the moonshine.'"

"Because it sticks to the glass. It's a waste to put it in the glass," Nelson says, still worked up. "I said, 'You don't booze in a glass in my house. Drink out of the bottle.' That's how he got to know me."

The two are an odd couple, off-screen and on. In "Land Ho!" they play ex-brothers-in-law who go on a trip to Iceland. In real life, Eenhoorn is a longtime, classically trained actor from Australia who finally, decades in the business, scored breakthrough notices for the indie "I Am Martin Bonner." Nelson, meanwhile, is a surgeon from Kentucky whose only two previous films were tiny ones made by Stephens, who's his first cousin's daughter.

Eenhoorn is much more open and giggly than he is in "Land Ho!" while Nelson is exactly the same: a hulking force of life with a booming baritone twang, who loves to live life like there's only one, because there probably is. If anything, they get along even better in real life than onscreen, where they get along swimmingly.

"I actually got to like the old sonofab—. We call each other back and forth. We got to be true friends," says Nelson.

Visit **Metro.us** to read more from Eenhoorn and Nelson.

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## The natural

Eenhoorn says Nelson acts just like Nelson: "He's one of the rare people that when you put a camera on him he doesn't change. When you see a CEO being interviewed for a Wall Street video, they're stiff, because they're conscious of the camera. He's not. He doesn't give a s—."

Nelson backs that up: "I've only been scared of two things in my life: God and my daddy. And my daddy's gone, so I only got God. I've never been scared of anything. ... Some of the nasty dirty stuff [in the film], it's not all me all the time. [The directors] write the stuff, but I got the balls to say it."

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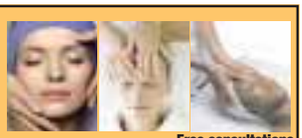
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## ‘Judex’

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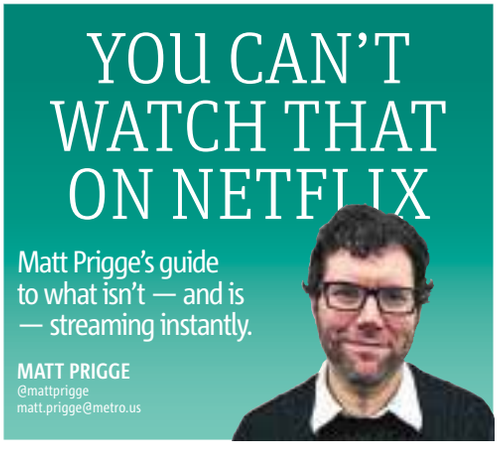
1 The term “superhero” wasn’t coined until 1917, but they had been around before then. Louis Feuillade used early versions of them in his silent-era serials, including the titular star of 1915’s “Judex” — a caped avenger who, rather than take down all criminals, works on just one: an unscrupulous banker who he imprisons. Not long before the “Batman” TV series, he was dusted off for Georges Franju’s 1963 French remake. Newly out on disc, it takes what was a 12-part, five-and-a-half-hour epic and crams it into 97 densely nutty minutes. But Franju is less into his noble hero than the villain, a slinky thief played by Francine Berge.

2 Franju is best known for the bone-chilling horror “Eyes Without a Face,” whose centerpiece is an extended experimental surgery scene. He was a stylist whose work, as Geoffrey O’Brien puts it in the set’s liner notes, was like simultaneously watching a “documentary and a dream come to life.” Plenty of weird, impossible events creep up, but they’re presented with a deadpan naturalism that makes them seem stranger still. Chief among these is Judex’s surreal introduction, in which he crashes a society party in a giant, ornate bird mask. Franju intended his “Judex” to be in part a tribute to silent era filmmaking, and while he’s not averse to dialogue he allows long stretches to go by without sound — just arresting images.

The hero of 1963’s “Judex” makes his entrance wearing a freaky bird mask. / CRITERION COLLECTION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## ‘The Immigrant’

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The Weinstein Company didn’t do right by James Gray’s heavy, luxurious look at 1920s New York City, despite the presence of Marion Cotillard, Joaquin Phoenix and Jeremy Renner. A big screen is the ideal place to soak in the muted colors and copious close-ups of Cotillard’s anguished face. But at least you can see it. Cotillard plays a Polish woman whose arrival in America is ruined when she runs afoul of Phoenix’s dangerous music hall impresario/pimp.

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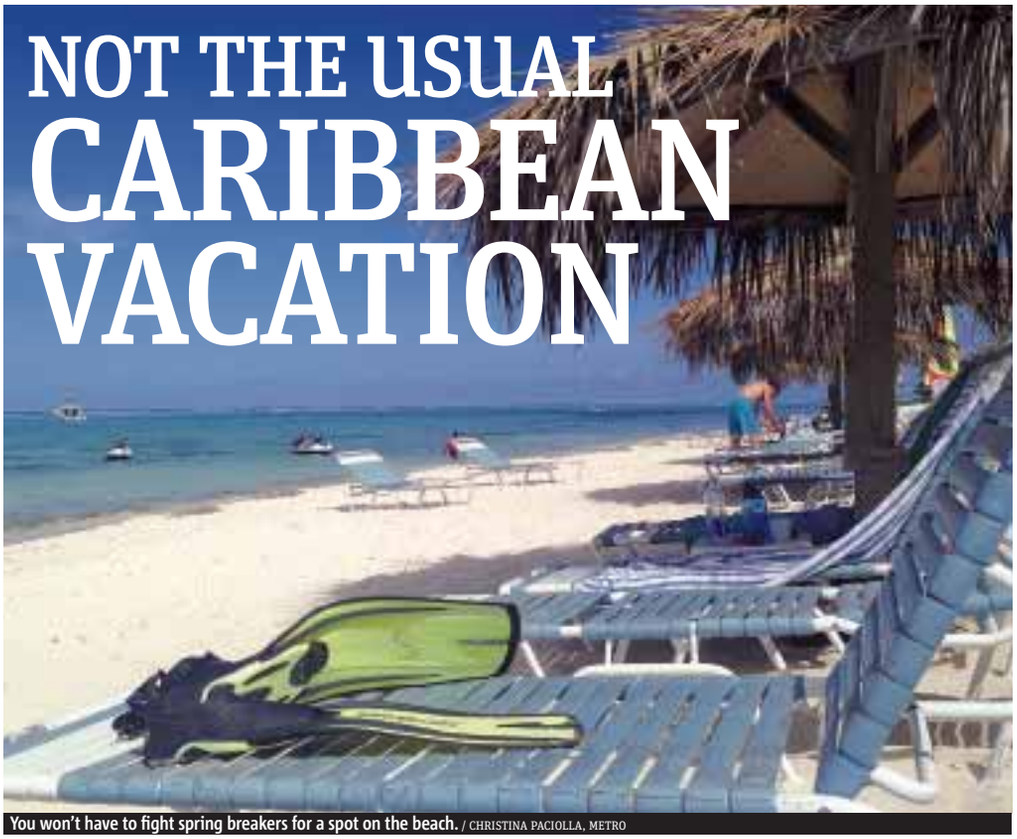
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## Seven Mile Beach

Most of the main island's resorts are on the western shore of Grand Cayman, nestled on Seven Mile Beach. Bring your pets or do some grilling. Just south of the beach is the capital, George Town, where animal lovers must stop at Cayman Turtle Farm, a nature park and green sea turtle breeding farm. Reach into one of the center's many pools to pick up one of the reptiles; hold tight with one hand and use your other to massage its neck or head. For lunch, don't miss conch fritters at Guy Harvey's Restaurant & Bar as you watch the cruise ships dock.

## Get historical

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## Stingray City

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If you end up not wanting to leave Cayman Islands, The Londoner is a more permanent way to stay. / PROVIDED

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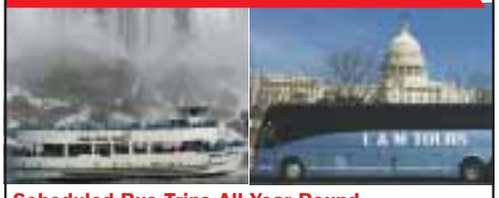

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# Trending. Three lessons from Pinterest's most popular toddler

## 1 Don't be afraid to stand out

"Every morning, Quinoa has to choose whether to look fierce or fabulous. And then she usually decides on both."

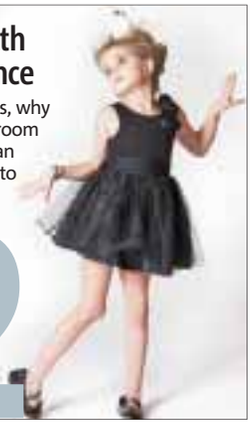
Tiffany Beveridge first started her Pinterest board, "My Imaginary Well-Dressed Daughter" as an inside joke. Now, it's a joke more than 92,500 people are in on. "I always thought it would be fun to dress a little girl, so I started this board cataloging all the cute clothes I would see. Then my sense of humor got the better of me," Beveridge, who is a mom of two boys, tells us.

This was around the time when quinoa was just gaining in popularity and Beveridge thought the craze was so absurd, she decided to name her imaginary Pinterest toddler after the grain. The Pinterest board went viral and now Beveridge is releasing a book, "How to Quinoa: Life Lessons from My Imaginary Well-Dressed Daughter."

Quinoa is represented by many ages, races and styles, and she always has something witty, yet slightly misguided to say. Here, we share three of her lessons. **EMILY LAURENCE**

## 2 Walk with confidence

"Quinoa says, why walk into a room when you can 'Shazam!' into a room?"



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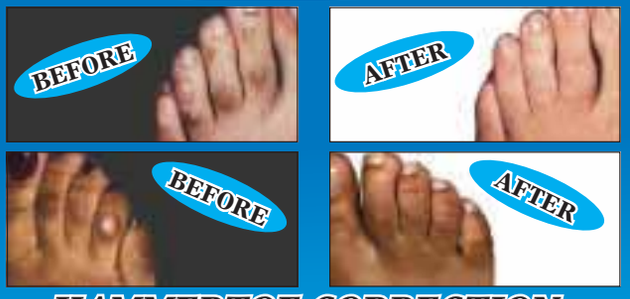


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# 5 Reasons to read to your kids

Jason Boog's book "Born Reading" comes out today. / COLOURBOX

**Good advice.** Jason Boog, author of "Born Reading," shares how reading to infants can have lifelong effects.

Between TV, tablets and phones, there are a lot of virtual babysitters at parents' fingertips. And when you've been working all day and still have to get dinner on the table, they sure come in handy. But Jason Boog makes the case for some good old-fashioned reading time in his new book, "Born Reading," some of which we highlight here.

**1 It helps with brain development.** Boog started reading to his daughter Olive when she was a newborn. "Then I started interviewing different experts, and they all said reading to an infant before he or she can talk is one of the most important things you can do as a parent," Boog says. "That interaction between [adult] and child helps [his or her] brain develop; holding a book, pointing to things and asking questions helps the developing brain."

**2 Reading can be used as a teaching tool.** In Boog's case, reading a "Frog and Toad" story together recently sparked a conversation about willpower with Olive, who is now almost 4 years old. "We talked about [not eating] candy [before] dinner and how willpower can help with that," he says. Another time he used books as a teaching tool was when potty training. "That's another time when you're sitting for a long time and there's not much to do," he says.

**3 It has lifelong effects on kids' vocabularies.** Boog found over and over again that children who read have much larger vocabularies than children who don't read. "It's a crucial advantage for kids as they enter school," he says.

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**Reason No. 4**

## It's never too late to start

Even if you didn't read to your baby, you can still spark a love for reading in your child. Boog says one way to do so is by making your own love of reading evident. He also says it's important not to assign books for your kids to read — let them pick out their own reading material. "If all your son or daughter wants to read are comic books, that's fine. It doesn't matter; it's the reading that's important."

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## Newborns understand more than you think

Since newborns are obviously hearing words for the first time, just listening to a parent read aloud is beneficial for them. They also can see and understand the differences between different colors. And Boog says even at six months, his daughter had a favorite book, cheering as they read.

## Horoscope

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** Good fortune is within reach. Take charge of your life, your future and your money. It's up to you to control your destiny.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** It's a favorable time to move house. Listen carefully to advice offered you, as well as to the concerns of others.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You will experience friction with a friend, relative or neighbor. If you stick to a set budget, you will be able to afford something you've wanted to do.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Successful relationships depend on honest communication. Share your personal and professional goals.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Consider other people's points of view. Overdramatizing your problems will not help your situation or persuade others to see things your way.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** You will become interested in something or someone that isn't good for you. Don't risk your position by being too aggressive or demanding.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Worrying about older family members will cause you stress. Keep a positive attitude in order to put everyone around you at ease.

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**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** It's time to focus on your career. Trying to change the way others think will be a waste of time. Do your own thing.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** Reach out to those with experience. You can turn your dreams into reality with the right network of people.

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**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Quench your thirst for knowledge by learning more about subjects. Some time devoted to doing research will be well spent.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Letters

### Palestine's priorities

**Re: 'Violent cycle' (Metro, July 14)** I agreed with most of what letter writer C. Hanson had to say, but have to object to his statement that Israel is denying Palestine statehood. Palestine could be an independent state tomorrow, if the Palestinians and their leaders choose to do so. However, they won't, as this will deny their leadership a convenient scapegoat for their own failures, along with their Arab "brethren," who also benefit from continued strife and violence. There won't be peace in the region until the Palestinian's love for their children is greater than their hatred of Israel (to paraphrase Golda Meir).

E. BLOCK, VIA EMAIL

### Court did right by phone users

The Supreme Court recently considered the question of whether police can search cell phones, of arrested suspects. The court got it right when it ruled on June 25 that warrants are required. The ruling goes a long way toward ensuring the privacy rights of all Americans. The decision in Riley v. California was unanimous. All nine justices have recognized that people carry their entire lives on their smartphones.

ILYA ABLAVSKY, VIA EMAIL

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### Across

1 Not silently
6 Host's plea
10 Certain votes
14 ASU site
15 Marie's friend
16 "— Lisa"
17 Marina sights
18 Monkey bars (2 wds.)
20 Make current
22 Wanted-poster word
23 Funhouse features
26 Kimono sash
27 Go-betweens
28 Slowly disappear (2 wds.)
33 Decides, as a jury
34 Mountaineer's refrain
35 QB — Manning
36 Invade
37 Skims through
38 Turn white
39 United
40 Bell tower sounds
41 Spaghetti sauce herb
42 Shilly-shallies
44 Used a blender
45 Youth
46 Harbingers
47 Table utensil
50 Scorched
52 Type of whales
54 Facilitated
58 Top-notch pilots
59 Recital piece
60 Custom
61 Repudiate
62 Vortex
63 Swamp grass

### Down

1 Modern-day teller
2 — and Perrins (steak sauce)
3 Mantra chants
4 Rose, as stocks
5 Tyrants
6 Indian potentates
7 Black mark
8 Honeysuckle
9 Hat-room fixture
10 Ms. Earhart
11 Cartoon bear
12 Gaelic pop star
13 Houston and Peckinpah
19 Price tag
21 AMA members
23 Bone tissue
24 Large lizard
25 Kind of map
26 Byron's works
28 Mares' offspring
29 Affixes
30 Ferret or mink
31 Joined by treaty
32 Earns, as interest
34 Decade part
37 Tall stalk
38 Idyllic place
40 Fallback strategy (2 wds.)
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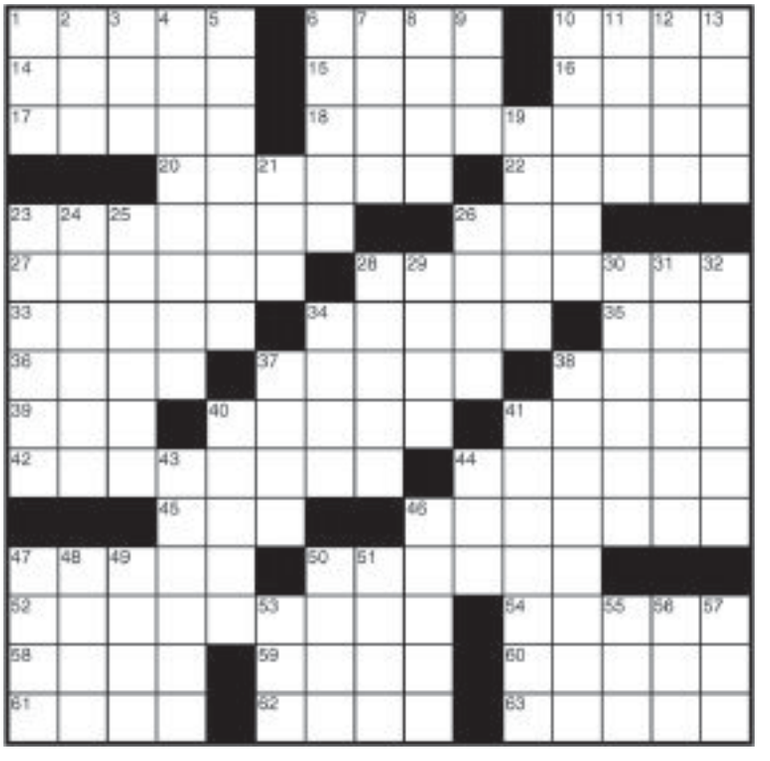

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Sticking around

## Anderson back with Brooklyn

**He may not exactly replace Paul Pierce, but the Nets did bring back shooting guard Alan Anderson one day after the veteran Pierce went to Washington. The deal, according to ESPN, is for two years and $2.6 million. Anderson averaged 7.2 points per game last season for the Nets.**

# 5 Top Jeter moments at the All-Star Game

Derek Jeter will start his final All-Star Game right at the top of the lineup.

AL manager John Farrell released his lineup Monday and penciled in the starting shortstop atop the order for the first time in his All-Star career.

"[It's a way] to celebrate a player who's not only a champion but a guy that sets the bar that I think all players should aspire to," Farrel said. "The way he's handled himself with class, with performance, no doubt [he's] a Hall of Famer."

Adam Wainwright, who will be facing Jeter in his opening at-bat, called it "an honor" to face the Yankee captain.

Metro looks at Jeter's top All-Star moments leading up to Tuesday's game (8 p.m., FOX).

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## 5 July 11, 2000

Derek Jeter has never won a regular-season Most Valuable Player award, but he has taken one in the All-Star Game.

Jeter started for the first time in the Midsummer Classic — one spot ahead of teammate Bernie Williams making his final All-Star start — and shined at the plate.

He finished 3-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. He saw a grand total of five pitches, but he made his short time at the plate count.

Jeter was the easy choice for MVP as James Baldwin picked up the win and Al Leiter took the loss, 6-3, at Turner Field in Atlanta.

DAVID WELLS, THEN IN TORONTO, STARTED THE GAME JETER WON MVP.
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## 4 July 15, 2008

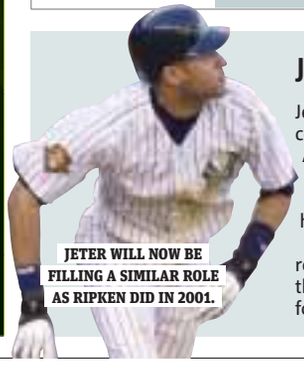
Jeter only got a chance to play in one All-Star Game in his home city as he missed the 2013 game at Citi Field. But he was the top attraction at a game which never seemed to want to end in 2008 at Yankee Stadium.

Jeter started and went 1-for-3 with a steal before Michael Young took over at shortstop. It was Young' sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 15th that gave the AL the win. And Jeter was still there to congratulate him.

Visit **Metro.us** to see how we graded Jeter with his final year halfway done.

LOOK AT THAT BABY FACE!

## 3 July 10, 2001



JETER WILL NOW BE FILLING A SIMILAR ROLE AS RIPKEN DID IN 2001.

Jeter isn't going to be confused for longtime All-Star opponent Barry Bonds, but he did hit one career All-Star home run.

The game will be remembered by most as the final All-Star Game for another great shortstop, Cal Ripken, who was goaded into playing short by Alex Rodriguez. Ripken also hit a home run in the game courtesy of Chan Ho Park.

Jeter, meanwhile, hit a solo home run off future Yankee teammate Jon Lieber in his only at-bat of a 4-1 AL win managed by Joe Torre.

## 2 July 7, 1998

Jeter's first appearance in an All-Star Game wasn't one to remember at the plate — he went 0-for-1 with a strikeout.

But it was the first of many wins for the American League with Jeter on the roster. The team is 9-2-1 all-time when the Yankee is in the dugout.

## 1 July 13, 1999

OK, so no one's ever accused Jeter of having too much of a personality. But when he isn't carefully crafting his off- and on-field personas, he can be pretty funny.

He got a chance to show that lighter side when he invaded enemy territory during the 1999 All-Star Game at Fenway Park. Beloved Beantowner Nomar Garciaparra got the start at short, but Jeter stole the show with a dead-on impression of Garciaparra's OCD batting routine during his first at-bat of the night.

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# Mets All-Star break grades

The Mets finished up a rough first half with an 8-2 record over their final 10 games. Metro delivers your midseason report card.

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Mets general manager Sandy Alderson gave his team a goal of 90 wins heading into the season.

He was scoffed at then, and things aren't much better now, as the Mets have stumbled to a 45-50 record at the All-Star break. They may be on pace to win only about 76 games, but the boys from Queens have turned it on as of late. They enter the break having won three straight series with wins in eight of their last 10 contests.

Of course, they lost seven of eight before this hot streak, so you never quite know with the Mets.

Alderson now has to decide whether he wants to be a seller at the trade deadline seven games back in the wild card. The upside of having a young team is that you have something to look forward to, but the downside is the Mets have few players to deal.

Metro breaks down what the players have done in the first half.

## Travis d'Arnaud

After a brief interlude in Las Vegas, d'Arnaud seems to have found his stroke again at the big league level.

His overall numbers (.217, six homers) are still poor, but he's hitting .295 with three homers in the 16 games since he's returned to show some of why he's a top prospect.

**Grade**: C+

## Lucas Duda

The Mets bet on Duda at first base, dealing away Ike Davis just weeks into the season.

Davis is batting .237 with four home runs and a .352 OBP. Duda is doing much better. He's tied for the team lead with 14 homers and his .256 batting average is respectable. Now about the defense ...

**Grade**: B

## Daniel Murphy

Murphy is deserving as the team's lone representative in the All-Star Game. His numbers are just slightly behind starter Chase Utley as the second-best second baseman in the league. If it weren't for average defense he'd be even better.

**Grade**: A–

## David Wright

The Mets made a push for Wright to earn the starting nod in Tuesday's All-Star Game, but he hasn't deserved it.

He had a 2.4 WAR, which is significantly worse than last season (5.8). He's down across the board in all individual statistics.

**Grade**: C

## Curtis Granderson

The Yankees gave up on Granderson but the Mets spent $60 million on the aging star.

It hasn't worked out very well. His .237 average is right in line with recent years, but his power is down (14 homers) in Citi Field.

**Grade**: C–

## Chris Young

The Mets never should've spent $7.25 million on Young, plain and simple. For a team that is conservative with money, it was a baffling decision.

He is barely over the Mendoza Line at .202, and his eight home runs don't make up for his 44 strikeouts in 208 at-bats.

**Grade**: F

## Bartolo Colon

Colon might've taken some time to readjust to the National League, but he's not been as bad as fans might want you to believe.

His ERA was over 5.00 through nine starts, but he's gotten it down to 3.99 with a 2.80 ERA since. He might be a valuable trade chip too.

**Grade**: B–

## Zack Wheeler

With Matt Harvey out for the season, Wheeler was supposed to step into a bigger role. He started out as anything but a stud, but he's steadily improved the last month. His ERA is down to 3.90 after going 4-4 with a 3.07 ERA and 59 strikeouts in his last 10 starts.

**Grade**: B

**Deadline dealing**

## Mets willing to unload Bartolo Colon: Report

Bartolo Colon's stay in New York could be a short one.

According to an ESPN report, the team is exploring a deal for Colon before the July 31 trade deadline.

Colon is 41 years old, but still relatively cheap considering his performance this season. He's 8-8 with a 3.99 ERA, down from a high of 5.84 in mid-May. He is making just $9 million this season and will make $11 million next season. The workhorse has thrown over 100 pitches in 10 of 18 starts.

The Mets have plenty of depth at starting pitcher with Jon Niese likely to rejoin the rotation after the All-Star break and Dillon Gee, Zack Wheeler and Jacob deGrom all pitching well. Even Daisuke Matsuzaka has been a capable fill-in while others have been injured.

**By the numbers**

**5.31**

**Noah Syndergaard has struggled a bit in Triple-A this season with a 5.31 ERA in 16 starts. But he has more strikeouts than innings.**

The team also still has top prospect Noah Syndergaard waiting in Triple-A. Syndergaard pitched in Sunday's Futures Game in Minnesota for the top prospects in baseball.

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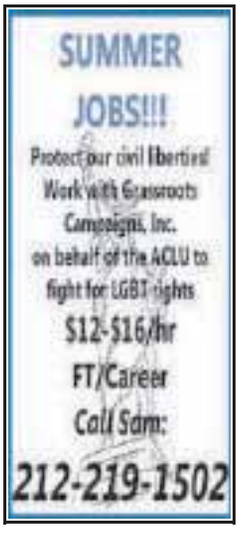


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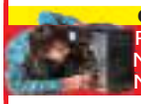

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